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In re Patent Application of:
Nobuyuki Hokari et al.

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For: METHOD OF OPERATING A GAS
TURBINE BY HEAVY OIL REFORMING

Examiner: T. M. Nguyen

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-6 and 16, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in light of the following Remarks.

Claims 1-5 and 16 are currently pending in this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 1-6 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCollum et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,948,755) ("McCollum") in view of JP 2002294257A to Horaki et al. ("Horaki"). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.